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INVESTITURE OF LEON COUNTY JUDGE MONIQUE RICHARDSON

Who: Leon County Judge Monique Richardson

What: Investiture of Leon County Judge Monique Richardson

Where: Leon County Courthouse, 301 South Monroe Street, Tallahassee, FL 32301

When: Friday, February 8, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. (EST)

The investiture of recently elected Leon County Judge Monique Richardson will be held Friday, February 8, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. (EST) in the Leon County Courthouse, 301 South Monroe Street, Tallahassee, FL 32301.

Monique Richardson dedicated the majority of her legal career to representing low-income clients and providing high-quality legal representation to clients who otherwise would not have had such access. She served as the managing attorney for the Tallahassee branch office of Legal Services of North Florida, Inc. (LSNF). During her eight years with LSNF, she managed both the Quincy and Tallahassee branch offices. Her work at LSNF not only included her managerial duties, she also handled a large caseload. She represented elderly clients in various types of cases including housing, consumer and probate matters. While serving at LSNF, she was regularly appointed by the Court to represent disabled adults in guardianships and abused or neglected adults in Adult Protective Services cases. Judge Richardson has worked with the State Attorney's Office, the Office of the Public Defender and was a solo practitioner. She was previously selected to be a member of the

Florida Bar's Criminal Procedure Rules Committee, and served as Chair of one of its subcommittees.

Judge Richardson has volunteered with the North Florida Veterans Stand Down and was part of the team that developed the Tallahassee Veterans Legal Collaborative. She has lectured for the A.M.E. Church, Grandparents as Parents, Black Women's Agenda, Elder Abuse and Fraud Prevention Summit, and the Florida Department of Corrections Re-entry program.

A member of the Leon County community for more than 35 years, Ms. Richardson was raised in Tallahassee by A.M.E. Bishop A.J. and Mrs. Connie Richardson, a certified nurse practitioner. She has a younger brother, who also resides in Tallahassee. She matriculated through the Leon County public school system and received her B.S. degree in Business Administration at Florida A&M University. Until her senior year in college, she worked as a Teachers' Aide at Pineview Elementary School. She went on to graduate with her law degree from the University of Florida.

